

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

broadcasting meta-data to one or more client systems, the meta-data including descriptions of a plurality of available for broadcast multi-media data files, from a broadcast server of a service provider system, and a plurality of upcoming multi-media data files, ~~that wherein the upcoming multi-media data files~~ are scheduled for an upcoming broadcast to the one or more client systems, as part of a predetermined network broadcast schedule, by a broadcast server of a broadcast service system that is separate from the service provider system;

rating the plurality of available for broadcast multi-media data files and the plurality of upcoming multi-media data files; and

broadcasting, by the broadcast server of the service provider system according to the ratings, at least one multi-media data file selected from ~~of~~ the plurality of upcoming data files for selective storage within the one or more client systems, according to respective content rating tables of the one or more client systems, and prior to the upcoming scheduled broadcast of the ~~at least one upcoming~~ selected multi-media data file by the broadcast server of the broadcast service system as part of ~~a~~ the predetermined network broadcast schedule.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

receiving ratings of the plurality of available for broadcast multi-media data files and the plurality of upcoming multi-media data files from the one or more client systems;

selecting multi-media data files from the first and second plurality of multi-media data files which have higher ratings based on the received ratings;

determining overlapping multi-media data files as multi-media data files from the selected multi-media data files to be broadcast by the broadcast service system; and

eliminating, from the selected multi-media data files, the overlapping multi-media data files to form a subset of the plurality of available for broadcast multi-media data files to be broadcast to the one or more client systems by the service provider.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 further comprising:

broadcasting a service provider broadcast schedule of the subset of the plurality of available multi-media data files prior to broadcasting the subset of the plurality of available for broadcast multi-media data files to enable storage thereof by the one or more client systems; and

broadcasting a broadcast schedule for the overlapping multi-media data files prior to broadcast by the broadcast service system to enable storage thereof by the one or more client systems.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising broadcasting a broadcast schedule of the meta-data prior to broadcasting the meta-data to the one or more client systems.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
receiving compensation for each data file accessed by a user; and
dividing the compensation between the service provider system and the broadcast service system based on a source of the data file, wherein the source of the multi-media data file is one of the service provider system and the broadcast service system such that the source receives a larger portion and a non-source receives a smaller portion of the compensation.

6. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:
receiving meta-data, the meta-data including descriptions of a plurality of available for broadcast multi-media data files from a broadcast server of a service provider system and a plurality of upcoming multi-media data files, ~~that wherein the upcoming multi-media data files~~ are scheduled for an upcoming broadcast, as part of a predetermined network broadcast schedule, by a broadcast server of a broadcast service system that is separate from the service provider system ~~as part of a predetermined network broadcast schedule;~~

rating, in response to a content rating table, at least one of the plurality of available for broadcast and upcoming multi-media data files described by the meta-data, the content rating table generated responsive to a user;

~~receiving an a multi-media data file selected the plurality of upcoming data file files, the~~ selected multi-media data file broadcast by the broadcast server of the service provider system prior to the upcoming scheduled broadcast of the ~~upcoming selected multi-media~~ data file by the broadcast server of the broadcast service system, as part of the predetermined network broadcast schedule; and

storing, based on the content rating table, one of the ~~upcoming selected multi-media~~ data file, once broadcast by the broadcast server of the broadcast service system, and the received ~~upcoming selected multi-media~~ data file, broadcast by the broadcast server of the service provider system, prior to the upcoming scheduled broadcast of selected multi-media data file as part of the predetermined network broadcast schedule.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, further comprising:
transmitting the ratings of the at least one of the plurality of available for broadcast and upcoming data files to the service provider system.
8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6 further comprising:
receiving a broadcast schedule of the meta-data, the client system activated in response to the broadcast schedule;
receiving a first broadcast schedule for the at least one upcoming data file prior to receiving the at least one upcoming data file;
receiving a second broadcast schedule for the at least one upcoming data file prior to receiving the at least one available data files in order to store one of the receiving upcoming data file and the received available data file.
9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, further comprising: receiving a selection from a user for a stored data file;
determining a content provider for the selected data file, wherein the content provider is one of the broadcast service system, the service provider system, and a premium content provider; and
billing the user a predetermined amount for selection of the stored data file based on the content provider of the selected data file.
10. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising:
determining a content provider for each stored data file, wherein the content provider is one of the broadcast service system, the service provider system, and a premium content provider, such that attribution is given to the content provider of each stored content data file when presented to a user.

11. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the storing of data files further comprises:
placing each stored data file in a common repository irrespective of a content provider of the data file, such that a user can access a single location for selecting stored content data files.

12-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium having instructions stored thereon, which when executed by a processor cause the processor to:

broadcast meta-data to one or more client systems, including descriptions of a plurality of available for broadcast data files from a broadcast server of a service provider system and a plurality of upcoming multi-media data files, ~~that wherein the upcoming multi-media data files~~ are scheduled for broadcast to the one or more client systems, as part of a predetermined network broadcast schedule, by a broadcast server of a broadcast service system that is separate from the service provider system;

rate the plurality of available for broadcast multi-media data files and the plurality of upcoming multi-media data files; and

broadcast, by the broadcast server of the service provider system according to the ratings, at least one multi-media data file selected from the plurality of available for broadcast data ~~file files~~ for selective storage within the one or more client systems, according to respective content rating tables of the one or more client systems, and prior to the upcoming scheduled broadcast of the ~~at least one upcoming selected multi-media~~ data file, by the broadcast server of the broadcast service system, as part of the predetermined network broadcast schedule.

26. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the processor is further caused to:

receive ratings of the plurality of available for broadcast data files and plurality of upcoming data files from the one or more client systems,

select data files from the plurality of available for broadcast and upcoming data files which have higher ratings based on the received ratings,

determine overlapping data files as data files from the selected data files to be broadcast by the broadcast service system, and

eliminate, from the selected data files, the overlapping data files to form a subset of the first plurality of data files to be broadcast to the one or more client system.

27. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 25 wherein the processor is further caused to:

combine the ratings received from the client systems, if ratings are received from more than one client system, to generate an overall ratings list of the plurality of available and upcoming data files.

28. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium having instructions stored thereon, which when executed by a processor cause the processor to:

receive meta-data, the meta-data including descriptions of a plurality of available for broadcast data files, from a broadcast server of a service provider server system, and a plurality of upcoming data files, ~~that wherein the upcoming multi-media data files~~ are scheduled for an upcoming broadcast, by a broadcast server of a broadcast service system that is separate from the service provider system, as part of a predetermined network broadcast schedule;

rate, in response to a content rating table, at least one of the plurality of upcoming and available for broadcast multi-media data files described by the meta-data, the content rating table generated responsive to a user;

~~receive at least one a multi-media data file selected the plurality of~~ upcoming data file broadcast by the broadcast server of the service provider system prior to the upcoming scheduled broadcast of the ~~upcoming selected multi-media~~ data file by the broadcast server of the broadcast service system, as part of the predetermined network broadcast schedule; and

store, based on the content rating table, one of the ~~upcoming selected multi-media~~ data file, once broadcast by the broadcast server of the broadcast service system, and the received upcoming selected multi-media data file, broadcast by the broadcast server of the service provider system, prior to the upcoming scheduled broadcast of the selected multi-media data file as part of the predetermined network broadcast schedule.

29. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 28 wherein the processor is further caused to:

transmit the ratings of the at least one of the plurality of available for broadcast and upcoming data files to the service provider system.

30. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 28 wherein the processor is further caused to:

remove data files stored on a client system once viewed by a user, and

replace deleted data files with additional data files broadcast by the service provider system and the broadcast service system using the content rating table.

31. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 28 wherein the processor is further caused to:

receive a selection from a user for a stored data file;

determine a content provider for the selected multi-media data file, wherein the content provider is one of the broadcast service system, the service provider system, and a premium content provider; and

bill the user a predetermined amount for selection of the stored multi-media data file based on the content provider of the selected multi-media data file.

32. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 28 wherein the processor is further caused to:

determine a content provider for each stored multi-media data file, wherein the content provider is one of the broadcast service system, the service provider system, and a premium content provider, such that attribution is given to the content provider of each stored content multi-media data file when presented to a user.

33. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 28 wherein the instruction for storing the data files further causes the processor to:

place each stored data file in a common repository irrespective of a content provider of the data file, such that a user can access a single location for selecting stored content data files.

34. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a service provider broadcast server; and

one or more client systems coupled to the service provider broadcast server,

wherein meta-data is broadcast to the one or more client systems, the meta-data including descriptions of a plurality of available for broadcast data files, from the service provider broadcast server, and a plurality of data files, ~~that~~ wherein the upcoming selected multi-media data files are scheduled for broadcast to the one or more client systems, as part of a predetermined network broadcast schedule, by a broadcast server of a broadcast service system that is separate from the service provider system,

wherein the one or more client systems rate, in response to a content rating table, one or more of the plurality of available for broadcast and upcoming multi-media data files described by the meta-data, the content rating table generated responsive to multi-media data files previously accessed,

wherein the one or more client systems transmit, to the service provider broadcast server, the ratings of the plurality of available for broadcast and upcoming data files,

wherein the service provider server selects at least one upcoming multi-media data file of the plurality of the upcoming data files according to the ratings received from the one or more client systems, and

wherein the service provider broadcast server further broadcasts the selected multi-media data file for selective storage within the one or more client systems, according to respective content rating tables of the one or more client systems, and prior to the scheduled upcoming broadcast of the selected multi-media data file by the broadcast server of the broadcast service system, as part of the predetermined network broadcast schedule.

35. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 34, wherein each one of the one or more client systems selectively store data files from a selected subset of the plurality of available and upcoming data files according to a content rating table associated with each respective one of the one or more of client systems.

36. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 34 wherein each one of the one or more client systems selectively receive data files from a selected subset of the plurality of available for broadcast and upcoming data files according to a content rating table associated with each respective one of the one or more of client systems.